

# E – Bulletin

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**



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## **FISCAL INTERMEDIARY IMPLEMENTATION**

By Antoina Valladares, Administration/Business Operations Manager

The Division is actively moving to implement fiscal intermediary services for consumers who use independent providers and multiple providers. It is anticipated that the fiscal intermediary will start in January 2005.

Sign-up for consumers has happened in Districts 2 through 6, with District 1 finishing up in November. In December provider agencies should be receiving more details from the Division on changes and updates regarding fiscal intermediary services. Information will be sent by email to the Division's Qualified Vendors.

## **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES RATE SETTING**

By Ed Rapoport, Business Operations Administrator

Mercer Government Human Services Consulting continues to work on the Employment Support Services (ESS) rate-setting project. Mercer is currently using a state survey tool to get feedback from comparison states, providers and universities. They have attended on-site provider settings and will have a preliminary model developed early next year.

## **PUBLIC FORUMS ON EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

By Barbara Brent, Deputy Assistant Director

The Arizona Early Intervention Program, along with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and other AzeIP participating agencies, have held several public forums around the State to gain input from providers and community stakeholders. The forums addressed how best to develop a consolidated, inter-agency service delivery network for early intervention services, along with a single contracting mechanism. Also the forums engaged participants in discussion of team based, holistic service delivery models. Themes from these statewide forums are being analyzed and initial results should be available in the next month.

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